

REMARKS

The amended claim set is based on the original claim set and is provided to eliminate multiple dependencies and place the claims in more conventional U.S. form. The amendments are not intended to narrow the claims in any way and are not for reasons related to patentability. Moreover, the applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any original claim in related applications, such as continuing applications.

It is submitted that all claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 19036/40139 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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